



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 19-20, 2026



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass: Mondays through Fridays 9 am

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 5 pm

Sunday Masses: 8 am, 10:30 am

1st Saturday of the Month: 9 am

Video Mass: The Saturday Mass is recorded each week and uploaded to our Youtube channel, ***Holy Spirit—Santa Rosa.***

SACRAMENTS: Please call the office 707.539.4495

Reconciliation: Call the office for times.

Marriage: Call 6 months in advance.

Baptism: Call 3 months in advance.

PARISH REGISTRATION: In person, online, or by email

ONLINE DONATING Go to www.holyspirit-sr.org

HOME COMMUNION Please contact the office.

CHOIR PRACTICE Thursdays at 7 pm in Church.

VOLUNTEERING Please contact the office.

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... From your Pastor's Desk

JUST IMAGINE

I taught grade school religion for a short semester when I was about 22. By accident I discovered a great trick of teaching, one I needed very much. The class, you see, was in complete chaos each time I arrived in mid-day.

But if I told a story, even the simplest story, the pandemonium ceased. It morphed into rapt attention. You could hear a pin drop. Until the story ended, that is, and then anarchy resumed.

I never did find another way besides stories to reach these little cherubs, even though I memorized each name and each picture in the long list, and called different ones out for serious talks, etc.

There must be a special part of the brain devoted to stories.

It was only years later that I applied this insight. Why does the gospel get such special attention at Mass? Why do we hold the book up and parade it to the pulpit? Because it is a story, the story of Jesus. We are struck by the narrative about him, much more than we are by the sometimes complicated theology in Paul's letters. Within the gospels, which are themselves stories, we find the parables Jesus told.

Stories.

So take a good look at the parable in Sunday's Gospel and let the story lead you. See if it works. Imagine the landowner hiring laborers for his vineyard as he shakes their rough hands and invites them to work. You can see their satisfied smiles, since they know they will get the usual daily wage.

The day gets hotter. And hotter. High noon has come and the owner walks back to town to go shopping for this and that. He glances around. Men are leaning on buildings, loitering really, bored but still hopeful. The owner crosses over to them and offers to hire them. They come to life and hurry off to his vineyard to earn just half a day's wages. It is more than nothing.

Then the work day is about over. The owner is still in town for whatever reason, and what should he see but strong men lolling about in doorways, wet with sweat from the heat and from their dejection. To their surprise, he hires them too.

Day ends and "just wages" are handed out. It is the exact same amount for every worker, no matter how many or how few hours anyone had worked. Look at the faces. Anger in the ones who had slaved all day. This is not fair! We demand our rights! We put in the time and these oafs did nothing. The late ones smiling sheepishly.

What does the story mean? You will find the answer if you sense the scene rather than just use brain power. Let your imagination see the kindness in the owner's face. Call to mind the gloom of the ones hired so late. See their amazement now.

Obviously these wages are not a strict remuneration for hours worked. They are more like a gift from a fond heart. How does this feel to you?

Didn't Jesus tell his parable to show how God's caring heart works, how he gives a depth of love to each person in this world, especially to ones who suffer and are left behind?

If it is hard to see, ask for light.

John Foley, SJ

MASS INTENTIONS: Sept.19—Sept. 27, 2026

09/19	Sat	5:00 pm	† Alfredo Guerrero
09/20	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
09/20	Sun	10:30 am	† Campbell Kowalczyk
09/21	Mon	9:00 am	† Jenny Lemp
09/22	Tue	9:00 am	<i>Jacky Macy</i>
09/23	Wed	9:00 am	† Michael Milano
09/24	Thurs	9:00 am	† Wayne Cardoza
09/25	Fri	9:00 am	<i>Rosella Rhine</i>
09/26	Sat	5:00 pm	† Jesse Benedict
09/27	Sun	8:00 am	<i>For the People</i>
09/27	Sun	10:30 am	† J.P. Lisciandro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Sept. 26-27, 2026

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Min.
Sat. 5:00 pm	#1— Holly K. #2— Tina T.	Cheryl D. Ann R. Steve R.
Sun. 8:00 am	#1— Bob A. #2— Larry K.	Rita B. Donna K. Sandy S.
Sun. 10:30am	#1— Mary L. #2— Lynn L.	Michelle D. Jacky M. Mike W.

HOMEBOUND EUCCHARISTIC MIN.—Sept. 23

Route 1 — Kathy S.
Route 2 — Jacky M.
Route 3 — Harry C.

Last Week's General Collection \$ 7,235
Online General Collection \$ 1,690
Diocesan Seminarians \$ 2,497

Thank You!

Next week's second collection is for the
Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.
Please write separate checks.

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS: Our online giving options have expanded to include Venmo, ApplePay, Paypal, & Stock/Crypto. Visit our website at www.holyspirit-sr.org.

CLOW—MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in helping with the
Children's Liturgy of the Word once a month?
Let's help parents of young children.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Rosella Rhine, Jamsal Aguirre, John Bussi, Chona Durham, Bill Brown, David Larkin, Donna McMullen, Mark Gardner, Jo Eandi, Nicole Murray, Lois Callas, Leroy Perry, Margie Edson, Sister Maureen Carroll, Greg Macy, Lynn Connolly, Derek O'Leary, Anthony and Beth Donato, George Fiori, H. Vincent McNally, Jessica Berlo, Sister Noreen Duffy CSJ, Betsy Crook, Danny Ruckman, Cindi Doell, Deb Stucke, Jordyn P. , Richard LaRussa, Tristan Humble, Larry Kubo, Yolanda Farias, Marie Mahoney, Gary Mahoney, Diana Rives, Charles Marchese, Mollie Nichols, Roland Thibault, John Guth, Eliana Pavlicka, Ellie Steffens, John May, Janice Wright, Joe Turdo, Russ Dieter, Francis Dolan, Scott Humble, and the Holy Spirit Phone Tree.

FOR THE SOULS

William Serban, Theresa Stachowiak, Ralph Sobieski, Paola Badano, Charles Paul, Leeza Larrance, Paul Higdon, Mark Higdon, John Paul "JP" Lisciandro, Jr, Joey Mesa, Manuel Martinez, Eleanor Travaglini, Josephine Poni, Lynette Mulert, Jenny Lemp, Mike Murray, Diana Magri, LuAnn Capps, Suzanne Borgert, Mary Davis, Teresa Resende, Shari Brown, Don Linch, Jerry Williams, Jim Coddington, Emilio Ricci, Rhio Reigh, Bob Spau ding, Bob Crozier, John Scott, Patricia Crook, Millie Jaskola, Mike Cusack, Erma DeSimone, Julie Caruso, Karen Panoski, Benjamin and Jessica Stone, Horst Tilsch, Louis Capuano, Richard Vitali, Mike Largent.



Please call the office if you wish to add, remove or keep someone on the prayer list. Each name will remain for 3 months from the time we receive a request unless we hear otherwise.

FOUND – A tall natural wooden staff.
Call the office 707.539.4495

UPCOMING EVENTS

09/23_ Parent Information Night 4:30 pm
09/25_ Free Parish Pasta Feed 6-7pm, drs 5:30
09/26_ Prayer Retreat with Deacon Bob 9:40 am
09/30_ Children's Faith Formation Classes 4:30 pm
09/30_ Game Night 13-18 yr olds 6-7:30 pm
10/03_ Blessing of the Animals 11 am
10/05_ Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:30 pm
10/06_ Scripture Study Tuesdays 12:30 pm
10/06_ OCIA begins 7-8 pm
10/07_ Grief Support Group 2-3:30 pm
10/08_ Women's Club Dinner 6 pm
10/13_ Men's Club Dinner 6 pm
10/28_ Trunk or Treat 6 pm



PRAYER RETREAT Led by Deacon Bob Holgren
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Saturday, Sept. 26th Mass at 9 am,
Retreat 9:40 am – 12:15 pm followed by lunch.
\$20 donation at the door. Reserve by email to:
patlouks@aol.com or mail Emmet O'Connell
230 Harrison St., Fort Bragg, Ca. 95437

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Forms in church and in the office.

Parent Information Night Sept. 23rd at 6 pm

Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 pm—All CCD Classes

- * Year 1 — First Communion / Whole Family Catechesis (K-5) with Jessica Coffey
- * Year 2 — First Communion w/ Lynn Lankford
- * Year 1 — Confirmation with Maggie Vera
- * Year 2 — Confirmation with Lori Norcia

NOTE: Older Teens may qualify to enroll in OCIA

Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm—YOUTH GROUP

*Youth Group (7th-12th grade) with Matt Conley

Questions about Registration?

Email Maggie Vera: Maggie@holyspiritSR.org

OCIA Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Taught by Fr. Ron in Church

Beginning October 6th from 7-8 pm

First & Third Tuesdays of the Month

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about your faith?

Are you missing a Sacrament? Join us!

Justice & Service In Community

Third Mondays Monthly

NEW LOCATION—SEPT. 21 at 7-8pm

Holy Family Classroom.

Enter through back of rectory.

GAME NIGHT! 13-18 Year olds

Building community among the young people of our parish is essential for the life of our Church.
So it's time to have fun and kick off the ministry year!

**Wednesday September 30th
6-7:30pm in the church hall**

HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB INVITES ALL PARISHIONERS!

**FREE PARISH PASTA FEED
SEPTEMBER 25th, 2026**

*Come celebrate a New Season
Meet fellow parishioners, make new friends and share our Holy Spirit family traditions.*

It's a family affair—adults & kids!

Pasta and Bread

No host Beer & Wine, Sodas

COME ONE, COME ALL----

Doors open at 5:30 pm

DINNER SERVED

From 6-7pm



HIRING! Office Manager at Star of the Valley Catholic Church - Oakmont, Santa Rosa

At the direction of the Pastor, the Office Manager provides organized, welcoming, and professional administrative support for the pastor, parish staff, ministries, and parishioners.

This position oversees the day-to-day operation of the parish office, maintains accurate records and communications, supports parish liturgical and pastoral activities, and helps foster a warm, service-oriented Catholic parish environment.

This is a full-time, non-exempt position and is entitled to a full-benefit package with a pay range of \$27-\$32 per hour. To apply, please send your letter of interest and resume to

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